

CONCERNING *SOLIDAGO HUMILIS*.—In RHODORA (17: 6), the name *Solidago humilis* Pursh was taken up by Prof. M. L. Fernald in place of *Solidago uliginosa* Nutt. on the grounds of priority. In this article the statement is further made that “those authors who had set aside the name *S. humilis* Pursh (1814) on account of a supposed earlier “*S. humilis*” of Miller (1768) could not have verified their references, for Miller had published not “*S. humilis*,” but *S. humilius*, a name in the comparative degree (neuter) and certainly not the same name as *S. humilis*.”

As *Solidago* is a feminine noun, it seemed to me hardly conceivable that Miller intended to use the adjective “*humilius*” with it. Investigation disclosed that the name was printed “*humilius*” merely by typographical error. He corrected the spelling to “*humilis*” in his list of corrections at the end of his work, and he used the name as *Solidago humilis* in the sixth edition of his Gardener’s dictionary abridged published three years later. The Index Kewensis quite correctly gives Miller’s name as *Solidago humilis*.

Miller’s description of *Solidago humilis* leads me to believe that he was describing the plant which was later described by Aiton as *Solidago nemoralis*. Miller’s name is an appropriate one for this plant and Aiton’s is a very inappropriate one. Pending further investigation, I am not making this change as yet.—KENNETH K. MACKENZIE, Maplewood, New Jersey.

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PARTHENIUM AURICULATUM IN BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.—In June, 1926, the writer found a colony of *Parthenium auriculatum* Britton on a wooded hillside about five miles southeast of Morganton, N. C. Morganton (altitude about 1100 feet) is located in western North Carolina among mountains which are a continuation of similar ranges in southwestern Virginia. This is a noteworthy extension of range, the species previously having been known only from the mountains of Virginia. A specimen has been deposited in the United States National Herbarium.—O. M. FREEMAN, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C.

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